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Aerospace Medicine

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR FOODHANDLERS, BARBERS, BEAUTICIANS, AND CHILD CARE ATTENDANTS

This instruction defines medical examination requirements to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and applies to all foodhandlers, barbers, beauticians, and child care attendants employed at Laughlin Air Force Base.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This revision updates 47 FTWR 161-7 in its entirety.

1. General: All personnel employed or seeking employment as foodhandlers, barbers, beauticians or child care attendants in appropriated or nonappropriated fund activities must successfully complete the requirements outlined herein before performing duties.

2. Procedures:

2.1 Physical Examination and Standards Section:

2.1.1. Conducts the required medical exam for prospective employees as determined by the Aerospace Medicine Council.

2.1.2. Provides the pre-employment foodhandler study booklet to prospective employees.

2.1.3. Upon completion of medical examination, prepares locally produced letter of medical clearance, for appropriate duties, and directs applicant to Public Health Flight (PHF) for pre-employment foodhandler training.

2.2. Public Health:

2.2.1. Monitors the examination program.

2.2.2. Provides pre-employment and annual foodhandler's training. Employees must have a minimum score of 70% to pass the written test.

2.2.3. Completes the computerized AF Form 1216, *Foodhandler Training Certificate*, after successful completion of the medical examination and written exam and provides a signed copy to the member.

2.2.4. A list of Services Squadron (SVS) members receiving initial training will be forwarded quarterly to 47 SVS/SVXT.

2.3. Supervisor/Section Chiefs: Ensure all required medical examinations and tests (foodhandlers only) are completed prior to beginning work assignments.

(See above for Summary of Changes)

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3. Medical Requirements:

3.1 Foodhandlers must receive an initial exam before engaging in direct foodhandling activities. No additional routine periodic foodhandler exams are required, except when the foodhandler has been removed from duty due to medical reasons. In this instance, a medical clearance must be accomplished before resuming duties. The initial examination includes:

3.1.1. Completion of a medical history.

3.1.2. Employees with a history of a positive skin test must receive a chest X-ray instead of a skin test and receive a physician's clearance letter before engaging in foodhandling duties.

3.2. Barbers and beauticians must receive an initial examination before engaging in direct child care work and a TB skin test every 3 years. The initial examination shall include the following:

3.3.1. Completion of a medical history.

3.3.2. A TB test (skin test or chest X-ray).

3.3.3. A blood test to confirm immunity for rubella and rubeola.

3.3.4. Basic series immunizations (if not current) for:

3.3.4.1. Tetanus Diphtheria, including a booster every 10 years

3.3.4.2. Oral polio (at least one dose received as an adult)

3.3.4.3. Measles-Mumps Rubella (part of this immunization requirement will be waived if the patient has documented proof of adequate protection, blood test or vaccination for these diseases.)

NOTE: Women who are pregnant or who suspect they are pregnant will not receive routine immunizations or X-ray until conclusion of pregnancy.

4. Additional Requirements:

4.1. More evaluations and lab test may be requested as necessary to further rule out the possibility of communicable disease in some employees.

4.2. Prospective employees who have a current foodhandler's or health card from another military medical facility should bring the card and supporting medical records, including immunization records, to PES at the time of their initial examination. Valid foodhandler or health cards from other military installation are acceptable if supporting medical records are adequate. Health cards issued by civilian authorities are not acceptable, however, all, or some of the exam, lab tests, and immunization requirements may be waived by PES if supporting medical records are adequate.

4.3 Supervisors must keep all employee health cards, SF 600 *Medical Certificate* overprints and AF Form 1216, *Foodhandler Training Certificate*, if applicable, during the period of employment, and the certificate(s) should be given to the employee upon reassignment or termination of employment.

4.4. All immunizations and TB skin tests should be documented on the individual's shot record, PHS Form 731, *International Certificate of Vaccination*, which is maintained by the employee.

4.5. Supervisors must ensure employees who have symptoms of communicable disease are not allowed to work directly with, or around patrons, food, or food-contact surfaces until cleared by appropriate medical personnel.

4.6 All employees must inform medical providers of their job duty (i.e., foodhandler, barber, beautician, or child care attendant)during all medical evaluations.

4.7 Employees who are released from work for more than 5 days due to a potentially infectious disease must report to the Primary Care Clinic to be cleared to return to their duties.

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